



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 7, 2001

S. 395 **Independent Office of Advocacy Act of 2001**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Small Business on March 1, 2001

S. 395 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary for the Office of Advocacy within the Small Business Administration (SBA). In addition, the bill would clarify the office's role and would codify requirements for reports to the Congress on issues affecting small businesses.

Based on information from the SBA, CBO estimates that the office will spend about \$4 million in 2001. Assuming appropriations of the necessary amounts, we estimate that SBA would spend about \$5 million a year over the 2002-2006 period to implement S. 395. The increase in estimated costs would primarily cover anticipated inflation.

S. 395 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 395 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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